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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY HON. DATO' SRI HASAN BIN ARIFIN, CHAIRPERSON OF THE PUBLIC
ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE (PAC) ON THE PROCEEDING TO UPGRADE SULTANAH NORA ISMAIL
HOSPITAL, BATU PAHAT, JOHOR**

- 1) The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) proceeding today, is on the Project to Upgrade Sultanah Nora Ismail Hospital, Batu Pahat, Johor, chaired by the Deputy Chairperson of PAC, Dr. Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong) as I am not able to attend it due to inevitable matters.
- 2) PAC is serious on issues involving project management of the hospital construction as it has been raised up a few times in the Auditor-General's Report (LKAN) each year.
- 3) PAC has so far called for proceeding two times in regard to the construction of the hospital including the Project Management of the Construction of Shah Alam Hospital, Selangor that was held on 1 April 2015.
- 4) In the issue of Project Management of the Construction of Shah Alam Hospital, the Government has incurred an additional of RM68.53 million to the contractors following the weaknesses in the management of the project.
- 5) It is understood that the construction of the hospital involved technical works and sophisticated medical equipments that required skills from skillful and experienced contractors in finishing the project.
- 6) Following that, PAC hopes that the Ministry of Health will take the project management seriously to ensure that it can be completed on schedule for the benefit of the people and to avoid wastage of Government's money.
- 7) Such delay in completing the hospital project will affect the Government's goal to provide best service to the people.

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